

**GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS**  
**April 2, 2010 BOARD MEETING**

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians met on April 2, 2010 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nancy Walters, MMSC, RD, LD Chairman  
Jessie Wright, MS, RD, LD, Cognizant  
Joan Fischer, PhD, RD, LD  
Frances Cook, MA, RD, LD  
Tracey Neely, MS, RD, LD Vice-Chairman (teleconference)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dee Dee Williams, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director  
Wylencia Monroe, JD, Assistant Attorney General (via conference phone)  
Adrienne Price, Legal/Discipline  
Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist

**BOARD LIAISON**

Absent

Ms. Walters called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. on Friday, April 2, 2010. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Wright asked to present her report after the Attorney General's report. Ms. Cook moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Dr. Fischer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Dr. Fischer moved to approve the February 2010 minutes as amended, Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LIAISON REPORT**

Board Liaison was absent

**CORRESPONDENCE**

TA – The Board discussed correspondence received and reviewed the transcripts that were provided. Dr. Fischer approved the Master's Degree program and it was determined that this individual can practice dietetics; however, cannot use the title of Dietitian. Ms. Walters will write a letter explaining the Board's decision..

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Wright moved, Dr. Fischer seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(K) (1)(2) and O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1) to discuss Applications and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's Report. In favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members: Wright, Cook, Fischer, Neely and Walters. The Executive Session was concluded in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Bond gave a report on several administrative items.

- 1575 of the 1943 licensed dietitians had successfully renewed their licenses and 264 were pending.
- The cut-off date on "Lapsed Late Renewal" is June 30, 2010.
- Several departments will be moving to Macon from the Atlanta office, namely Cemeteries, Securities and Charities

## **LEGAL SERVICES/ENFORCEMENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

Ms. Wylencia Monroe, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and/or requests for authority for proposed rules. Dr. Fischer moved to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report. Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

## **COGNIZANT REPORT**

**LDI070010** Based on the investigative interview conducted with this dietitian, Ms. Wright recommended that the case be closed with a closure letter sent from the board.

## **APPLICANT REVIEW**

**1166187** Dr. Fischer moved to deny licensure because applicant has not provided a CDR card. Ms. Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (Applicant may reapply when examination is taken and passed)

**1223155** Ms. Wright moved to deny licensure because applicant has not provided a CDR card. Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (Applicant may reapply when examination is taken and passed)

**1229094** Ms. Cook moved to deny licensure. Ms. Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. It was determined to conduct an investigative interview to determine if applicant has been practicing dietetics without a license.

**1213096** Dr. Fischer moved to issue license. Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **PROPOSED RULES AMENDMENTS**

The board discussed removing the Endorsement option from the application (along with instructions pertaining to this option) and repealing rules which apply to this method of licensure. They also discussed compiling a listing of the states that do not require a CDR card.

Ms. Wright moved to post the revised rule during the Board Meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians held on April 2, 2010 in Macon, Georgia to approve the posting of revisions to Rule 157-4-.01. Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

On Rule 157-4-.01 Licensure without Examination, references to endorsement need to be removed. Ms. Cook moved to amend Rule 157-4-.01 as follows:

#### **157-4-.01 Licensure without Examination. Amended.**

(1) An applicant for licensure without examination may apply by ~~either~~ registration by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) ~~or endorsement~~.

(2) To be eligible for licensure without examination, the applicant must have successfully passed the CDR examination.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-11A-7, 43-11A-8, 43-11A-9. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Licensure without Exam" adopted. F. June 26, 1987; eff. July 16, 1987. **Amended:** F. Sept. 5, 1989; eff. Sept. 25, 1989. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 26, 1991; eff. July 16, 1991. **Amended:** F. June 2, 1993; eff. June 22, 1993. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Licensure without Examination" adopted. F. Apr. 1, 2002; eff. Apr. 21, 2002.

Ms. Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule changes need to be prepared for repealing 157-4-.03 Licensure by Endorsement. Motion was made by Ms. Wright to repeal Rule 157-4-.03. Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Fischer moved to post the revised rule during the Board Meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians held on April 2, 2010 in Macon, Georgia to approve the posting of revisions to Rule 157-4-.03. Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **157-4-.03 Licensure by Endorsement.**

~~Any applicant holding a valid license as a licensed dietitian issued by another state, political territory, or jurisdiction acceptable to the Board, if, in the Board's opinion, the requirements are substantially equal to or greater than the requirements of this chapter, 43-11A-8, shall submit:~~

~~(a) The completed application form provided by the Board.~~

~~(b) A photograph of the applicant. Only a passport type (3" x 3") taken within the past twelve months will be accepted.~~

~~(c) The proper fee (see fee schedule).~~

~~(d) A letter under seal from the appropriate state official issuing the license indicating that the license is current and in good standing.~~

~~(e) The Board may request additional verification of any requirements or credentials as it may deem necessary.~~

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-11A-7, 43-11A-8. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Licensure by Endorsement" adopted. F. Apr. 1, 2002; eff. Apr. 21, 2002.

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

Dr. Fischer looked over the Code of Ethics submitted by the American Dietetics Association and felt that it covered all points of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians Code of Ethics.

### **APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY STAFF GUIDELINES**

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Ms. Wright moved to ratify the 17 administratively issued licenses from February 1, 2010 through April 1, 2010. Dr. Fischer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Wright moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Nancy G. Walters, MMSC, RD, LD Chairman

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James D. Cleghorn  
Acting Executive Director

**Minutes Recorded by:** Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Sylvia Bond, Executive Director

The minutes were recorded by Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist and approved on \_\_June 4, 2010\_\_